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Mayor Fulop Announces Cooling Centers and Water Facilities for City Residents <u>OPEN For Residents</u> to Cool Off During Excessive Heat; Extended through Weekend & Next Week

Three Cooling Sites to Open; All Park Sprinklers and Pools Are Also Available for Residents

JERSEY CITY - Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce that the City is re-opening three cooling sites from Friday, July 22nd through Wednesday, July 27th as temperatures are expected to reach into the high 90's. The forecasted heat wave could potentially bring record high's and the National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat watch.

The Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive, will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for residents to cool off from the heat. The City's two senior centers - the Joseph Connors Senior Center, at 28 Paterson Street and the Maureen Collier Senior Center, at 335 Bergen Avenue, will be open as well from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of the cooling facilities if necessary.

"As another heat wave approaches, we want to again remind residents to stay out of the heat and to continue to check on those who may need assistance," said **Mayor Fulop**. "Our cooling centers and municipal pools will be open, and we strongly encourage our residents to take advantage of them throughout the weekend and into next week."

In addition, all city parks and pools are open for residents to enjoy. For a **full schedule of pool** and sprinkler locations, please visit: http://jerseycitynj.gov/swimming/sprinklers/

The Jersey City Free Public Library system is also open for residents looking for a cool place. For a full listing of library hours, please visit: http://www.jclibrary.org/hours.

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